

is held responsible for preserving good order at his table. Nothing of the kind is ever witnessed here that used to

take place in college commons in my college days—
plates and contents, and cups and saucers, and knives
and forks, describing all the paraphernalia of the

Giving rank officers' mess first, but then, there is no mess, and very few in it when it is in operation, and the only place to go to get a drink is the mess hall, which is only in operation in the winter. In summer officers board at the hotels. The mess is for birthday parties, Christmas parties, the fair, and last winter numbered sixteen officers. Married officers occupy dwelling houses and with their families live in the barracks. The mess hall is in the building on the east mess hall. It has three features enjoyed at all seasons of the year: a smoking room, a parlor and a billiard room. The mess hall is the only place where you can get a very tasty symphony. Every officer has his picture in the hall, and the mess hall is the only place in the gallery. We see officers here in second lieutenant sub-triplet boots. Who now wear major generals' stars and the many flames horses. Reading the list is the likeness of the war. High and proud, the first officer killed in the war, General Raymond, killed at Gettysburg, and General

Liikenesses of the various commanders of cadets are also here.

In the plan connected with the officers' messroom are various designs of the proposed grand battle monument to officers and soldiers of the regular army who fell in the late war. Some of these are very elaborate. Cannons, mortars, shot and shell, swords, muskets and the American flag are ingeniously brought out in bold relief in each design, abowing with beautiful appropriateness its destined commemoration of those slain in battle. It is supposed that more designs will be sent in the time for receiving them not yet having expired. It will

be remembered that the corner stone of the proposed monument was laid a year ago, when General McCheslain pronounced an oration that will give him a prouder name in history than all the battles he ever planned and fought.

GENERAL TIDBALL.

Among the late arrivals is General Tidball, who has made for himself such a fine reputation in this war. It will be recalled that last year he was commandant of cadets here. His reception here has been most cordial

WEST POINT, June 16, 1866.

The examination of the three lower classes was continued to-day, in accordance with the programme I sent yesterday. The subjects examined in to-day's examination were philosophy, metaphysics and logic. The promptness and correctness of replies to the very thorough and rigid system of examination prevailing here must be taken as the standard by which to judge of the fidelity of teaching and degree of application of the students. The highest grade of excellence has thus far been exhibited, showing full and broad comprehension of the varied studies, by which I mean not a terribly severe taxing of memory, but accurate understanding of the spirit of the different sciences. Hence in the excellence of the following transcripts: Aristotle on the soul, Aristotle on

—The surprising excellence of our military colleges. The same thoroughness and exactness is requisite in the recitation room as on drill. If one has not the mental capacity or application to come up to this high mark, and it is an established rule, from which there is no deviation—off goes his head, and the unfortunate decapitated must seek other channels to acquire permanent bread and butter and a share of the world's honors.

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the order in column to the order in battle and going through all the modes of formation in line of battle. The drill lasted over an hour. All the evolutions were executed with brilliant precision and elicited the warmest encomiums from every one. Those of the spectators to whom all these movements were only a bewildering maze of marches and countermarches, found relief in the playing of the band, whose music on this occasion, as it always is, was of the finest and most exquisite quality.

THIS MORNING HOP AND OTHER SUBJECTS.

The second hop, the great closing feature of each life, has been held at the University every evening. Lively preparations are being made on every side for this great event. The younger in years—I am now speaking of the girls—are, of course, more than ready to be affected by no amount of fatigue, would have preferred some other night should have been selected, so that they could have had a little more sleep. And like the glass slipper (Underlie be compelled to be at home at sharp midnight, I suspect that somebody between the graduating class and the class of 1906, who is now in the class, of Jolly fellows, who, if it them had been left making up the programme instead of pinning their brains to the wall, would at once have adopted the plain, poetic platform—

Dance all night,
Till broad day light,
And go home with the gale in the morning.

It is supposed that the diplomas will be distributed to the graduating class to-morrow.

The American College in Rome.
TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

In your Monday's edition I noticed an article from a Rome correspondent reflecting upon the character of the American College there. He asserts that after a few days' experience he discovered the rector to be a "rabid ecclesiastical."

Allow me to say that during four years daily inter-

course with the very reverend rector of the American College, far from believing him a "rabid economist," he ever deplored the commencement and the feeling involved in the continuance of the war. At the same time he could not sympathize with the "exterminating" theories so freely advanced by many Americans who travelled in Europe in preference to field service at home. The American Minister resident at Rome has never been

inghted. I myself saw the former ambassador entertained in our college when the Holy Father visited it. A delegation of students were accustomed to pay the New Year visits to our Minister in Rome at the call of the rector; and in a letter received directly from him he spoke in most friendly terms of the present ambassador's family, of his visits to them, &c.

If Bishop Lynch visited the college so frequently the reason was because he had sent several theological students of his diocese to the college previous to the war,

As politics in the college, the subject was strictly avoided, by recommendation, among the students, as the minority were Southerners by birth; and in the sole seminary unity and harmony "in the land of peace" must at all sacrifice have cherished any gentleman acquainted with the system of continental education can but laugh at the stupidity of your correspondent in regard to the influence of the reactor upon the education of the students. The students of our colleges in Rome, with

three other colleges of different nationalities, receive their entire education in the halls of the "Collegio Urbano" from professors whose position and engagements bind them to teach the students there assembled from nearly forty different countries Catholic theology rather than transmarine secession.

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TWO GOOD MAINE LAWS.—They have two laws in Maine which other States would do well to adopt. The first one

was enacted at the suggestion of Governor Hubbard in 1851. He was, and still is, an extensive medical practitioner in the State, and in course of his journeyings, far and near, driving his own beast, he realized the need of frequent and convenient watering places on the highways. By his recommendation the Legislature passed a law proposing that any person, to the acceptance of whom the Selectmen, who should set up a good tub or trough by the roadside, into which pure water should be constantly discharged, and make it easily accessible to travellers,

any year as long as that convenience should be maintained. The consequence is that you cannot travel far from any principal town in Maine, where you will not see a flowing fountain of pure water, at which horses and cattle can refresh themselves, and for the most part, also, you will see a tin dipper hanging from the post-stock, by means of which the human traveller may partake of Adam's ale. Another provision of law in Maine entitled to imitation is this:—Any person in the rural towns who will set out and properly protect rows of

shade trees on the lines of the road are rewarded by an abatement of their taxes. In many towns, therefore, you will now see the highways ornamented and shaded by growing sugar maples, elm, linden and other deciduous trees, and in many instances the effect is much set off by the intermingling of evergreen trees, such as hemlocks, firs, spruce, cedars and pines. Such ornaments are not only a luxury to travellers in warm weather, but they enhance the value of the contiguous farms.—*Gloucester (Mass.) Telegraph.*

NORTHWESTERN TROOP DETACHMENT.—The War Department, here, we learn, designated Rock Island as the grand depot at which shall be collected and stored all the artillery, arms, ordnance and other trophies captured during the war by Northwestern troops. These will, of course, be systematically arranged and carefully preserved under the supervision of the Ordnance Department. The prison barracks, storehouses, &c., are to be vacated as soon as possible, and at once made available for the new use to which they are to be devoted. —*Democrat and Times*

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